

**Root Test Hole Method Statement for Development for site between 43 and 43A
Portsdown Road, Havant, Hampshire, formerly large garden of No.43**

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1. The Root Protection Area (RPA) of **T1, T3, T8 and T9** must be marked out in marker spray, by hand in order to make clear where these lie. This must include all of the area of them which is taken in by the site, meaning the existing driveway and beyond as well as the borders in which they are growing.

The marks will be re-applied during works on the site, using tape to mark out on the Trackway.

2. The Tree Officer will attend the site to mark out and specify the depth of Test Holes as required.

3. The existing Tarmac driveway surface will be cut carefully by disc cutter 100mm larger on all sides than the required Test Hole taking care not to go any deeper than strictly necessary. The tarmac will then be carefully removed by hand.

4. A 'Soil Pick or 'Air Spade' will be employed by an experienced operator (such as Ruskins Tress and Landscapes) to excavate the soil to required depth and aperture, leaving all roots intact.

5. Any roots and the sides of the test holes will be kept damp with damp hessian until the Tree Officer can inspect the test holes.